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SUBJECT: ARMED FORCES DENOUNCE PRESS CRITICISM

1. AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY THE CHIEFS OF THE PERUVIAN ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE WAS PUBLISHED IN ALL PAPERS MARCH 29 DENOUNCING THE "DESTABLIZING" ATTITUDE OF SOME PERUVIAN PERIODICALS, PARTICULARLY MAGAZINES AND "WEEKLIES." IN AN ABUSE OF THE LIBERTY OF PRESS AND THE DEMOCRACTIC OPENING THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT HAS GRANTED, THE COMMUNIQUE STATED, SOME JOURNALS ARE CONDUCTING A PERSISTENTLY HOSTILE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ARMED FORCES. THESE SENSATIONALIST AND FALSE STATEMENTS AIMED AT CAUSING DISRESPECT FOR THE ARMED FORCES AND UNDERMING THEIR COHESIVENESS ARE NOT CONTRIBUTING TO UNION AND HARMONY AMONG PERUVIANS NECESSARY FOR THE PLANNED ELECTIONS. THE SERVICE CHIEFS REJECTED THESE ATTACKS AS PURELY POLITICAL AND DENOUNNCED THEIR CRITICS' FRUITLESS, IRRESPONSIBLE AND DESTABLIZING ATTITUDE.

2. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THEA ARMED FORCES ARE SMARTING OVER SEVERAL RECENT PRESS CRITICISMS OF THE MILITARY FROM BOTH THE RIGHT AND THE LEFT. THESE HAVE INCLUDED AN UNFLATTERING CARTOON OF PRIME MINISTER MOLINA IN THE LAST ISSUE OF "OIGA," A RECENT "ABC" EDITORIAL STRONGLY ATTACKING THE
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PRIVILEGED POSITION OF THE MILITARY, AN "OPINION LIBRE" ARTICLE CALLING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE MILITARY FROM GOVRNMENT, AND CONTINUED SNIPING FROM LEFTIST PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS "MARKA." THE COMMUNIQUE'S ALLUSION TO ATTEMPTS TO UNDERMINE THE ARMED FORCES' UNITY TESTIFIES TO THE SENSITIVITY OF HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OVER THE ISSUE OF INTERNAL DISCONTENT AND DIVISIVENESS. "OIGA" AND "MARKA"

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PARTICULARLY HAVE PLAYED HEAVILY ON THSE PURPORTED DIVISIONS
AS PART OF THE CONTINUING LEFTIST CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE DISMISSAL
OF INTERIOR MINISTER CISNEROS. THE COMMUNIQUE MAY BE IN
PART A SOP TO HIS SENSITIVITIES AND, IN ANY CASE, IS CLEARLY
A WARNING TO THE INDEPENDENT PRESS TO TONE ITSELF DOWN.

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